

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

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8:30 AM

June 5th, 2025

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

This is the time for all comments on any of the agenda items or non-agenda items.

V. PRESENTATIONS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Chapter 7, Article III, Traffic Ordinance, Limited Parking. Discussion and recommendation to City Council on two alternatives: 1) Conversion of twenty-five 15-minute spaces to free 30-Minute Resident Parking Spaces in Downtown Metered Parking Areas; or 2) 15-minutes of free parking for residents in any metered space using the ParkMobile application.
- B.** Chapter 7, Article V, Bicycle Regulations, discussion of need for local restrictions, enforcement and regulations on E-bikes.
- C.** Porter Street, request to consider closing the section between Church Street and Pleasant Street to vehicular traffic, by resident and adjacent property owner. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to City staff for review and report back at future meeting.**
- D.** Pierce Island Off-Leash Dog area, request for signage alerting drivers to use of area, by residents. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to staff for recommendation and report back at next meeting.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Columbia Street, request to prohibit parking on one side of Columbia Street, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to place on file.**

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A.** Police monthly accident report

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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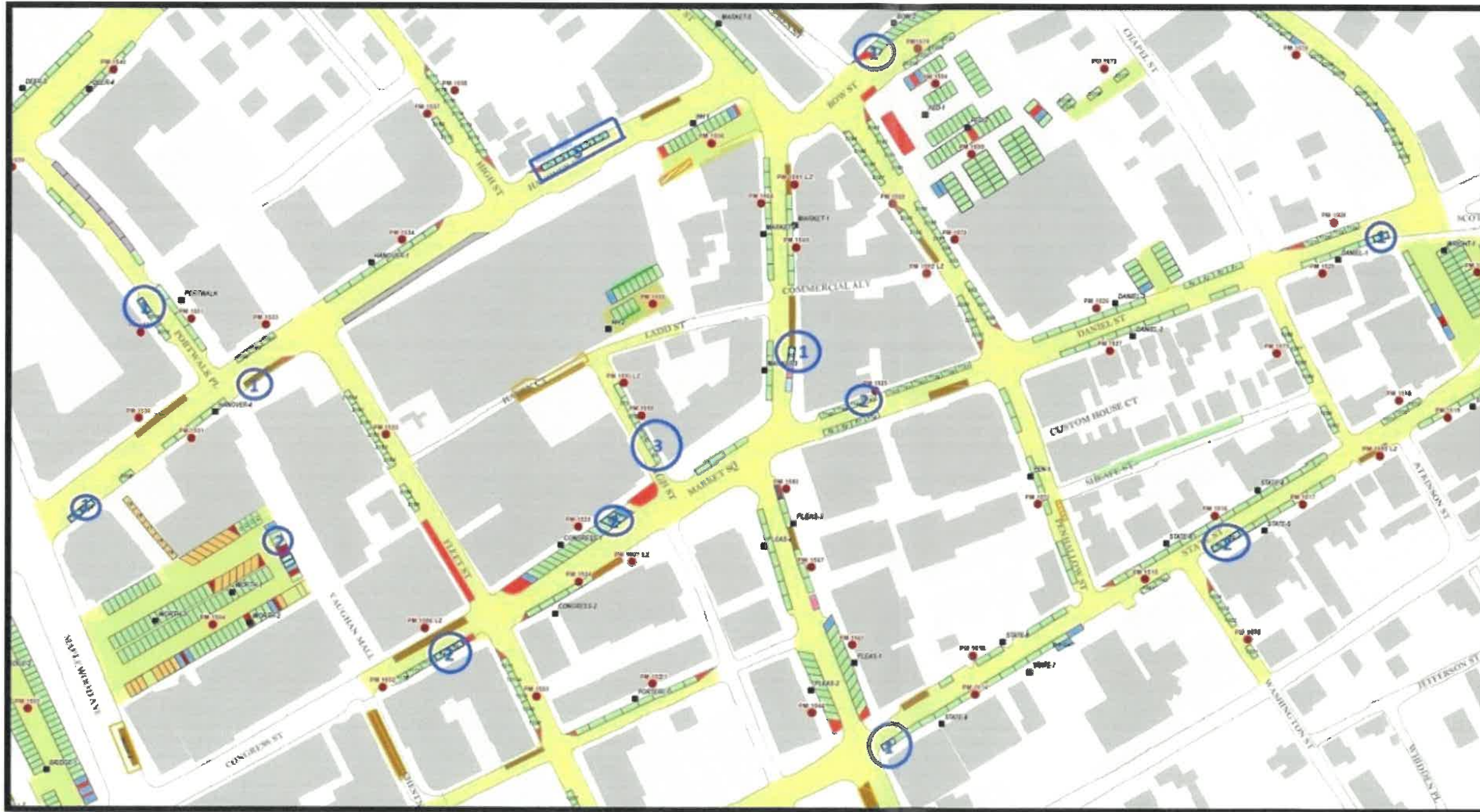
Percentage of Fiscal Year Complete
83.33%

Preliminary
Totals Thru
April 30, 2025

	Total	Budgeted	% of Budget
FY 25			
Parking Meter Fees	4,237,777.99	4,400,000.00	96%
Meter Space Rental	113,228.70	160,000.00	71%
Meter In Vehicle	0.00	0.00	0%
EV Charging Stations	17,336.12	17,500.00	99%
Parking-Area Service Agreements	3,145.00	52,000.00	
High Hanover Transient	1,790,742.97	2,350,000.00	76%
High Hanover Passes	972,757.92	1,168,800.00	83%
Foundry Place Transient	513,321.18	430,000.00	119%
Foundry Place Passes	419,397.89	523,500.00	80%
Parking Sign Permit	50.00	0.00	
HH Pass Reinstatement	135.00	750.00	18%
Foundry Pass Reinstatement	195.00	750.00	26%
Parking Violations	1,207,031.08	1,000,000.00	121%
Immobilization Administration Fee	6,300.00	6,000.00	105%
Summons Admin Fee	0.00	0.00	0%
Total FY 25	9,281,418.85	10,109,300.00	92%

BUDGETED	
7,609,300	75% Transfer to Parking Fund
2,500,000	25% Funds Remaining in Gen Fund
10,109,300	Total Parking Revenue

City of Portsmouth - Designated 15-minute Parking Inventory



Total Spaces
25

ORDINANCE

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That Chapter 7, VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING, Article III, TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, Section 7.324: LIMITED PARKING - **FREE THIRTY MINUTE RESIDENT PARKING**, be amended to create free thirty minute resident parking as follows (deletions from existing language **stricken**; additions to existing language **bolded**; remaining language unchanged from existing):

Section 7.324: LIMITED PARKING – FREE THIRTY MINUTE RESIDENT PARKING

A. For City residents using a City approved mobile phone parking application will have 30 minutes free parking at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday, Holidays not included, on the following streets and locations:

- 1. Bow Street: northerly side, first metered space east from Ceres Street.**
- 2. Congress Street:**
 - a. southerly side, first two metered spaces west from Fleet Street.**
 - b. northerly side, first two metered spaces west from High Street.**
- 3. Daniel Street:**
 - a. northerly side, third and fourth metered spaces east of Market Street.**
 - b. south side, first metered space west of Memorial Bridge Parking Lot.**
- 4. Hanover Street:**
 - a. northerly side, first five metered spaces east from High Street.**
 - b. southerly side, first metered space east from Maplewood Avenue.**
 - c. southerly side, first metered space east from Vaughan Mall.**
- 5. High Street: easterly side, first three metered spaces north from Congress Street.**
- 6. Market Street: easterly side, third metered space north from Market Square.**
- 7. Portwalk Place: westerly side, one metered space beginning 117 feet north of the northerly curb line of Hanover Street.**
- 8. State Street:**
 - a. southerly side, first two metered spaces east from Washington Street.**
 - b. southerly side, first metered space east from Pleasant Street.**

9. Worth Lot: westerly side of Vaughan Mall, the third and fourth space from City Tax Map 126, Lot 6, 10 Vaughan Mall.

The City Clerk shall properly alphabetize and/or re-number the ordinances as necessary in accordance with this amendment.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby
deleted. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk

ORDINANCE

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That Chapter 7, VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING, Article III, TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, Section 7.326: LIMITED PARKING -FIFTEEN MINUTES, be amended as follows (deletions from existing language **stricken**; additions to existing language **bolded**; remaining language unchanged from existing):

Section 7.326: LIMITED PARKING - FIFTEEN MINUTES

A. No person having control or custody of any vehicle shall cause the same to stop or park for longer than 15 minutes at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday, Holidays not included, on the following streets and locations:

~~1. Bow Street:-~~

~~a. northerly side, first metered space east from Ceres Street~~

12. Cabot Street: northeasterly side, from a point which is sixty-five (65) feet northwest from the intersection of Austin Street to a point which is one hundred (100) feet northwest from the intersection of Austin Street.

~~3. Congress Street:-~~

~~a. southerly side, first two metered spaces west from Fleet Street~~

~~b. northerly side, first two metered spaces west from High Street~~

~~4. Daniel Street:-~~

~~a. northerly side, first four metered spaces west from the parking lot entrance at 80 Daniel Street~~

~~b. southerly side, first three metered spaces running between 102 and 160 feet west of Penhallow Street~~

~~c. south side, first space west of Memorial Bridge Parking Lot~~

~~6. Hanover Street:-~~

~~a. northerly side, first five spaces east from High Street~~

~~b. southerly side, first two spaces east from Maplewood Avenue~~

~~7. High Street: easterly side, first three spaces north from Congress Street~~

28. Islington Street:

~~a. southerly side the space in front of 404 Islington Street, no person having control or custody of any vehicle shall cause the same to stop or park for longer than 15 minutes at any time, including Sundays and holidays.~~

b. northerly side, the space in front of 371 Islington Street.

39. Marcy Street: ~~easterly side, first three spaces south of beginning at the southerly curb line of~~ South Mill Street and running 95 feet southerly (from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm) Monday through Sunday.

10. ~~Market Street: easterly side, third space north from Market Square.~~

11. ~~Portwalk Place: westerly side, one space beginning 117 feet north of the northerly curb line of Hanover Street.~~

12. ~~State Street:~~

a. ~~southerly side, first two metered spaces east from Atkinson Street.~~

b. ~~southerly side, first metered space east from Pleasant Street~~

413. South Street: northerly side, from Mount Vernon Street easterly for a distance of 40 feet.

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WHAT E-BIKE RIDERS SAY

"We bought e-bikes so we could ride the same paths we rode 30 years ago."

Lee, Salem NH

"Our e-bikes make it easier and safer to use for transportation and exercise. We tried scooters before, but they were too big, required more maintenance, and didn't provide any exercise."

Ken, Hampton NH

"My e-trike offers a lot of stability and makes the inclines over the North and South Bridges on the rail trail a lot easier. The recumbent is comfortable and it gets a lot of positive comments!"

Chuck, Keene NH

"At 67, I was only good for about 10 miles. With my e-bike I can do 30 like the old days."

Mike, NH

"My e-bike prompts me to ride more often and travel further because it is so much fun. The hills seem to disappear!"

Dave, Salem NH

OUT OF CLASS ELECTRIC VEHICLES

It is important to note that a bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that **exceeds** 750 watts (1 HP), and capable of powered speeds **over** 20 MPH, is categorized as an "Out of Class Electric Vehicle" (OCEV) by Federal and manufacturer definitions. It thereby falls under the same regulations as an Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV). As such, it must be used following those guidelines. OCEVs are **not** to be used on roads, rail trails, or mountain bike paths, only in parks and on private lands where motorized OHRVs are allowed.

LEARN MORE, STAY INFORMED

E-bike technology and acceptance continues to evolve. Consider supporting the following organizations to stay informed on e-bike technology, offerings, and regulations.

Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire

2 Whitney Road, Suite 11
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Join our email list by emailing:

info@bwanh.org

603-410-5848



peopleforbikes

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S E-BIKE LAWS

E-bikes, also known as electric-assist bikes, are becoming more and more popular throughout the U.S. E-bikes increase opportunities for transportation, recreation and exercise, especially for people with physical limitations due to age, health issues, or fitness. This brochure summarizes New Hampshire's laws* regarding the use of e-bikes.



NH E-BIKE LAWS FOR ROADS

- New Hampshire designates these three classes of e-bikes, according to national guidelines:
 - **Class 1:** Bicycle equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 20 mph.
 - **Class 2:** Bicycle equipped with a throttle-actuated electric motor that may be used to provide assistance until the e-bike reaches 20 mph.
 - **Class 3:** Bicycle equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that it ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 28 mph. A factory-installed speedometer is also required.
- E-bikes are regulated like bicycles. The same rules of the road apply to both e-bikes and traditional bicycles that are solely human-powered.
- A Class 1 or Class 2 e-bike may be ridden on bicycle or multi-use paths where bicycles are permitted. Class 3 e-bikes are only allowed on roadways, unless otherwise allowed by the local authority.
- E-bikes are not subject to registration, licensing or insurance requirements that apply to motor vehicles.
- You must be 16 years or older to operate a Class 3 e-bike.

- Helmets are required for operators or passengers of Class 3 e-bikes under the age of 18. For Class 1 & Class 2 e-bikes, the same helmet law as for traditional bikes is required (i.e. helmets are required for anyone under the age of 16).
- A city, town or state agency that has jurisdiction can restrict where e-bikes are allowed. When in doubt, check local rules and regulations.

NH E-BIKE LAWS FOR TRAILS

- **LOCAL:** Consult your local land management agency.
- **STATE:** The New Hampshire Bureau of Trails does not currently have a law or policy specifically addressing e-bikes. In general, though, e-bikes are defined as motorized vehicles. Contact the department for the most up to date information. People for Bikes and the Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire monitor this policy and will update this document as needed.
- **FEDERAL:** The majority of public lands managed for recreation in New Hampshire are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, where eMTBs are considered motorized vehicles and only have access to motorized trails. Contact the U.S. Forest Service Eastern Regional Office for more information as rules are being revised to allow greater use of e-bikes on federal lands.

eMTB GUIDELINES

- On federal, state, county and local trails, e-mountain bike (eMTB) access varies significantly.
- Generally, any natural surface trail that is designated as open to both motorized and non-motorized use is also open to eMTBs.
- eMTBs may not be allowed on trails managed for non-motorized activities.
- Ride legally and only on authorized trails.
- When in doubt, ask the local land manager about eMTB use on specific trails. Local land rules may change frequently.

eMTB RIDES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Here are just a few great places to ride eMTBs in New Hampshire:

- Green Woodlands Foundation (Class 1 only), Dorchester, 60+ miles
- Rockingham Recreational Rail Trail, Manchester, 28 miles
- Sawyer River Road Area, Bartlett Village, 30 miles



Congress Street

Church Street

Porter Street

Pleasant Street

State Street



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